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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

It is with great pleasure that I write to you today to express my support of the settlement reached between the Department of Justice and Microsoft. Three years have passed since this litigation was introduced. During these years, the technology industry has suffered a decline. In addition, many federal dollars were spent in this litigation process. The settlement that was reached, then, signifies a step forward.

The settlement includes many different concessions. Microsoft agrees to license Windows at a uniform price for the majority of computer manufacturers. The largest twenty computer makers will now all be able to license Windows at the same price with the same terms and conditions. This will eliminate some competitions between manufacturers.

I wish to reiterate the importance of this settlement. Settling this case will untie necessary budgetary resources. During economic recession, this should be our priority.

Sincerely,

  
Christine Bury